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Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 015290-238

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Jeffrey HUNG et al.) Group Art Unit: 1765
Application No.: 09/002,007) Examiner: L. Vinh
Filed: December 31, 1997)
For: ETCHING PROCESS FOR ORGANIC)
ANTI-REFLECTIVE COATING)

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is _____
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$355.00 (279) ☐ \$710.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

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[] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$80.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$270.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					

[] A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

[] Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the Amendment filed November 21, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 17 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof and amend Claims 1, 11 and 22 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A process for removing exposed areas of an organic ARC on a metallic layer, the exposed areas of the ARC having been exposed by previously etching a photoresist covering the ARC, the processing comprising exposing the exposed areas of the ARC to an oxygen-free system of etching agents in an ionized state in a reaction chamber of

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